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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASIG
SUBJECT: INSPECTION REPORT COMPLIANCE

REF: (A) STATE 214433 (B) ANDREWS LETTER OF 8-12-77

1. TRANSMITTED HERewith IS THE EMBASSY'S COMPLIANCE RESPONSE
TO THE INSPECTION REPORT OF JUNE, 1977.

2. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS CONCURRENCE IN THE
INCISIVE OVERVIEW AND POLICY DISCUSSIONS OF THE REPORT ON
EASTERN EUROPE. WE CONCUR IN THE INSPECTOR'S FINDING THAT
MORALE IS THE MAIN MANAGEMENT PROBLEM AND HOPE THAT THE
DEPARTMENT WILL ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM IN ITS CONSIDERATION
OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, INCLUDING FUNDING.

3. THE EMBASSY RESPONSE TO THE INSPECTORS' SPECIFIC RECOM-
MENDATIONS ON HUNGARY ARE GIVEN BELOW:

2-1: EMBASSY SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATION, BUT DEFERS
RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE
EMBASSY NOTES THAT THE NEWLY ARRIVED OFFICERS WERE
WELL BRIEFED AND HAVE GOTTEN ON TOP OF THEIR JOBS IN
BUDAPEST IN AN EXCEPTIONALLY SHORT TIME.

2.4-2: EMBASSY SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATION, BUT DEFERS
IMPLEMENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2.4-3: EMBASSY SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATION, BUT DEFERS
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2.4-4: EMBASSY CONCURS. EMBASSY HAS DEVELOPED A
REPORTING PROGRAM. NO CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION AND
STAFFING ARE NEEDED BEYOND THOSE OUTLINED BELOW.

3.4-1: EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT A
POTENTIAL LEADERS BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING LIST. A BIO-
GRAPHIC REPORTING PROGRAM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR COL-
LECTION OF DATA ON KEY HUNGARIAN FIGURES.

3.4-2: EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME MORE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR POLITICAL REPORTING.

4.4-1: EMBASSY CONCURS AND HAS IMPLEMENTED.

4.4-2: EMBASSY CONCURS. SEE RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 2.4-4.

4.4-3: EMBASSY CONCURS AND WILL SUBMIT A CAP BY OCT 1.

4.4-4: EMBASSY SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATION, BUT DEFERS IMPLEMENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5.4-1: EMBASSY SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATION, BUT DEFERS IMPLEMENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

5.4-2: EMBASSY CONCURS. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT PROMISED RESOLUTION.

5.4-3: EMBASSY DOES NOT CONCUR AND REFERS TO BUDAPEST A-36 FOR A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE NEED FOR THIS POSITION. ELIMINATION OF THIS POSITION WOULD DIRECTLY, SERIOUSLY, AND ADVERSELY AFFECT THE OPERATION OF THE CONSULAR SECTION. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE WORKLOAD IN A CONSULAR OPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN HUNGARY, CANNOT BE JUDGED ON STATISTICS ALONE.

5.4-4: EMBASSY DOES NOT CONCUR. WHILE THE EMBASSY HOPES THE DEPARTMENT CAN ASSIGN ONLY LANGUAGE-TRAINED CONSULAR OFFICERS TO BUDAPEST, WE BELIEVE WE STILL MUST MAINTAIN AN INTERPRETING ABILITY IN THE CONSULAR SECTION ON TECHNICAL AND COMPLICATED SUBJECTS. WE MUST ALSO POINT OUT WORKLOAD FACTORS WHICH PRECLUDE A PERSONNEL REDUCTION.

5.4-5: EMBASSY DEFERS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A RESPONSE, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT, AGAIN, WE MUST STATE THAT PIT POSITIONS HAVE BEEN NEEDED BECAUSE OF A WORKLOAD WHICH EXCEEDS ITS APPARENT LEVEL FROM STUDY OF STATISTICS.

7.4-1: EMBASSY CONCURS, BUT DEFERS TO THE DEPARTMENT TO REPLY.

7.4-2: EMBASSY CONCURS AND IS READY TO OMPLEMENT AS SOON AS DEPARTMENT TAKES ACTION ON 7.4-1.

7.4-3: EMBASSY DOES NOT ANTICIPATE NEW ARRIVALS REQUIRING HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS UNTIL NEXT SPRING. WE HAVE FORMED A HOUSING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL PROPOSE GUIDELINES AND RECOMMEND SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE DCM'S APPROVAL.

7.4-4: EMBASSY CONCURS. A NEW REGIONAL BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO VIENNA AND IS ASSISTING THE POST IN TRAINING LOCAL B&F EMPLOYEES.

7.4-5: THE EMBASSY DOES NOT CONCUR. THE POST PRESENTLY NEEDS A WEEKLY REPLENISHMENT OF THE CLASS B CASHIER'S ADVANCE AND DOES NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EFFICIENT TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED AMOUNT.

84-6: EMBASSY CONCURS AND HAS COMPLIED WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION.

7.4-7: THE EMBASSY CONCURS. THE GSA-APPROVED SAFE HAS

BEEN ORDERED AND THE JUSTIFICATION SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

7.4-8: EMBASSY CONCURS AND HAS COMPLIED WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION.

7.4-9: EMBASSY CONCURS. WE EXPECT TO COMPLETE A

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RECORDS MANAGEMENT PURVEY BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

7.4-10: EMBASSY CONCURS. THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO COMPLETING NONEXPENDABLE INVENTORIES HAS BEEN THE LACK OF SUITABLE WAREHOUSE SPACE. THE EMBASSY HAS ARRANGED WITH THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE RENTAL OF A WAREHOUSE, TO BE AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER.

7.4-11: EMBASSY CONCURS AND IS CURRENTLY USING THE RECOMMENDED FORMS.

7.4-12: EMBASSY CONCURS AND HAS COMPLIED WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION.

7.4-13: EMBASSY CONCURS, BUT DEFERS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A REPLY.

7.4-14: EMBASSY CONCURS AND IS GIVING THIS RECOMMENDATION PRIORITY, WITH SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO PAINTING, CARPETING, DRAPERIES AND BETTER LIGHTING.

7.4-15: EMBASSY DOES NOT CONCUR. THE PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED. HOWEVER, WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW AMBASSADOR, THE PROPOSAL WAS RECONSIDERED AND CANCELLED.

7.4-16: EMBASSY CONCURS. THE EMBASSY IS PLANNING IMPROVED SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE GROUND FLOOR/

MEZZANINE AREA. THIS PROJECT WILL INCLUDE A PROTECTED MSG DESK AND A BETTER CONTROL OF THE USIS AND COMMERCIAL

LIBRARIES AND ELEVATOR ENTRANCE.

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7.4-17: EMBASSY CONCURS. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE RSO IN VIENNA FOR MARINES ASSIGNED TO BUDAPEST TO PARTICIPATE IN WEAPONS TRAINING WITH THE MARINES ASSIGNED TO VIENNA. THE FIRST OCCASION WILL BE SEP 12.

7.4-18: EMBASSY DOES NOT CONCUR WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION AND BELIEVES THE INSPECTION MEMORANDUM UNDERESTIMATES THE TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BUDAPEST RSO POSITION. THE NARRATIVE SUGGESTS THAT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE LIMITED TO THE MONITORING OF AUTOSCAN (NOT AUDIO/SCAN) EQUIPMENT, OTHER COMPUTERIZED EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO OPERATE WITH A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF ATTENTION, AND THAT THESE SERVICES CAN BE PROVIDED BY AN RSO FROM PRAGUE.

THE REALITY IS THAT AUTOSCAN EQUIPMENT REQUIRES CONTINUAL REPROGRAMMING AND ITS OUTPUT REQUIRES CONTINUAL ANALYSIS. MOREOVER, THE AUTOSCAN SYSTEM OCCASIONALLY BREAKS DOWN AND REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF SOMEONE WITH THE ENGINEERING COMPETENCE TO ISOLATE THE FAILURE. THIS SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY COULD NOT BE ADEQUATELY MET BY A NON-RESIDENT SECURITY OFFICER, NOR BY ANY RESIDENT PERSONNEL (SUCH AS A SEABEE) LACKING A SOLID ENGINEERING BACKGROUND.

THE BUDAPEST RSO IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR OTHER TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT AND COUNTERMEASURES. IN THE PAST, THERE HAVE BEEN SOPHISTICATED PENETRATIONS OF THE EMBASSY REPORTED. ALSO, EMBASSY OFFICERS AND MARINES HAVE BEEN TARGETTED FOR RECRUITMENT. THE RSO POSITION IS NEEDED, BOTH FOR TECHNICAL AND ROUTINE SECURITY PROGRAMS, TO COUNTER THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S ICZELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AT US.

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7.4G-1: EMBASSY CONCURS, BUT DEFERS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A REPLY. WE NOTE THAT THE DISPATCH OF A NEGOTIATING TEAM TO BUDAPEST IN JULY WOULD SEEM TO REPRESENT COMPLIANCE WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION.

7.4G-2: EMBASSY CONCURS. ONE NEGOTIATING ROUND WAS HELD IN JULY; ANOTHER IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER. THE EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT CONSIDERS RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE TO BE OF HIGHEST

PRIORITY.

8.4-1: EMBASSY CONCURS AND HAS COMPLIED.

8.4-2: EMBASSY CONCURS AND WILL COMPLY AS SOON AS THE
NEXT REPORT IS WRITTEN.

10.4-1: EMBASSY CONCURS AND HAS COMPLIED.

11.4B-1: EMBASSY CONCURS AND HAS COMPLIED.

11.4D-1: EMBASSY CONCURS AND HAS COMPLIED TO THE
EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE SUPPLY SITUATION.

11.4D-2: EMBASSY CONCURS AND ANTICIPATES COMPLIANCE
BEFORE WINTER, OR AS SOON AS A QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR IS
FOUND TO PERFORM THE WORK.

11.4D-3: EMBASSY CONCURS. A NEW CLUB CONSTITUTION IS
BEING DRAFTED AND A POSSIBLE MERGER OF THE CLUB AND
COMMISSARY TO THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT IS UNDER CONSIDERA-
TION.

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